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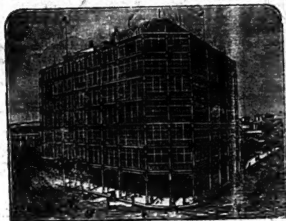
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NOTICE

JOHN THOMAS BURTON  
deceased.

PURSUANT to Act of Parliament 22 and 23 Vict. c. 85, intitled "An Act to further amend the Law of Property and to relieve Trustees," NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and persons having any claims or demands upon or against the estate of JOHN THOMAS BURTON late of Ramleh Alexandria (who died on or about the 12th day of September 1905, and whose will was proved by Lucy Helen Booth Burton of Ramleh aforesaid widow and John Hubbard Burton of Alexandria Coal Merchant one of the Executors and the Executor therein named, on the 5th day of October 1905 in His Britannic Majesty's Consular Court at Alexandria) are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims and demands to the undersigned, the Advocate of the said Executor and Executor, on or before the 14th day of November proximo: AND NOTICE is hereby also given that after that day the said Executor and Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the said Executor and Executor shall then have notice, and that they will not be liable for the assets so distributed to or contributed to any person of whose debt or claim they shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 20th day of October 1905.

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Calendar of Coming Events.

ALEXANDRIA.

October. Fri. 20  
Max. Prince's Restaurant des Bains  
Roumanian orchestra, every after-  
noon. Sundays, morning.  
Old Bouree Palace Bar. Orchestra  
nightly. 6 p.m.  
Windsor Hotel. Orchestra. 6 to  
11.30 p.m. every day.

Sat. 21  
Alhambra. Italian company in  
Il Segreto di Pulcinella. 9.15 p.m.  
Crown Casino. Irish music. 9.30 p.m.  
A.S.C. October Skye Meeting.  
Mustapha Bids Range. B.R.C.  
(Alex.) Cups and Spoons Competition  
and Practice. 2.30 p.m.  
New Masonic Hall. Albert Edward  
Lodge. Emergency Meeting. 8.30  
p.m.  
Zabina Theatre. Salvini in Kean.  
9 p.m.

Tues. 24  
Ras-el-Tin Palace. Khedive's Fare-  
well Reception. 9 a.m.  
New Masonic Hall. Zealand Lodge.  
Emergency Meeting. 8 p.m.  
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THE "ARAB AWAKENING."

SOME time ago we received a copy of 'M  
Neguib Assry's interesting and suggestive  
work, "Le Revil de la Nation Arabe," an elo-  
quent plea for the revival of an Arab Caliphate  
extending from the Yemen to Aleppo and  
from Oman to the hills of Kurdistan. We  
have no fault to find with Mr. Assry's essay  
as a propagandist appeal to obtain Arabic  
speaking peoples, but in our opinion the  
"Arab Nation" of which the author speak  
with such fire and eloquence does not exist  
and those who count on the spiritual and  
mental development of Arabia as a factor in  
the politics of the Near East will be grievously  
disappointed. All who have followed the  
history of the peninsula since the beginning of  
the Wahabi "revival" realize that, thus far,  
every movement among the Arab clans has  
been reactionary and conservative. Who  
over the religious zeal of the Wahab  
leaders, their whole policy was so bigoted as  
savage, that the capture of 'Darsayyah I  
Ibrahim Pasha proved a relief not only to  
Arabia, but to the whole Muslim world.  
The present Emir of Hail, Abdul Aziz I,  
Rashid, who resembles his famous uncle  
Mohammed ibn Rashid, the Bedouin lord  
the Nejd, has paid for his dynasty's tolerance  
of strangers and freedom from religion  
bigotry by losing the greater part of his ter-  
ritory to the Wahabi chiefs of the house  
of Saud. From all accounts the present Emir  
of the Yemen, who is apparently eager to  
continue a guerrilla warfare in the arid moun-  
tains of Arabia "Felix," is in no way in advance  
his neighbours. The very fact that the Turf  
has been terrible geographical and climatic  
difficulties and hampered by their own  
of organisation, have been able to establish  
their authority over the whole western seaboard  
of Arabia and, if the latest reports are accurate  
over a part of the Nejd, prove the  
capacity of the pure Arabs for any sort  
of political action.

The Caliphate of Baghdad, the Arab  
kingdoms of N. Africa, Syria, and Egypt  
were founded by Arabs and ruled  
monarchs of more or less Arab descent  
but their peoples were never Arab as  
whole, though they were modified by  
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## SAY REFINERY CO.

SCHEME OF REORGANISATION  
ADOPTED.

The extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the above company held in Paris on the 10th inst. (of which a brief account has already appeared in the "Gazette") was presided over by M. Peytel, and there was a very large attendance.

The chairman, in opening the proceedings, said:

"We have called you together to-day before you the unfortunate position of this company, brought about by the deplorable act of the late President, who died on the 27th of August last under conditions of which you are aware. Let me recall, first of all, in what manner the management of this company was organised. Our object is entirely an industrial one. Our business in Paris was to buy sugar, to refine it and sell it at the highest price to the home trade. The sugar production we exported. In the process, the business was to buy beetroot, extract the sugar from the beetroot in the six factories which you possess, and to sell the beetroot to the highest bidder. No doubt the purchase of beet and the purchase and sale of sugar necessitated numerous and intricate commercial operations. There are sugar stocks to be obtained at the right moment, but the risks should not degenerate into market speculations. Your directors would never have sanctioned such speculations, and until a recent date they supposed that the negotiations had been conducted in an orthodox manner."

At this point there were loud and noisy interruptions, and shouts of "You knew all about it!"

"Gentlemen, please allow me to proceed," appealed the Chairman. "When the late M. Henri Say died, his family and personal considerations determined him to sell his refinery in Paris and the sugar works at Pont d'André, it was felt that this important business could only be properly carried on by those who had been for long years connected with the founder, M. Henri Say. In the process, the business was to buy beetroot, extract the sugar from the beetroot in the six factories which you possess, and to sell the beetroot to the highest bidder. No doubt the purchase of beet and the purchase and sale of sugar necessitated numerous and intricate commercial operations. There are sugar stocks to be obtained at the right moment, but the risks should not degenerate into market speculations. Your directors would never have sanctioned such speculations, and until a recent date they supposed that the negotiations had been conducted in an orthodox manner."

"Now, gentlemen, you know the result of the first six years of our existence. It is, in brief, enabled to realise the sum of £1,255,800 net profit, and to pay dividends of 10 per cent. to the management. We find, however, from a rapid investigation of the books that of this sum we shall have to write off £73,600 from the profits for 1904 in consequence of sundry illicit manipulations of figures in the books. We shall also be obliged to place £118,560 in a sinking fund."

"The seventh year's business, which began on the 1st of October, 1904, promised to be excellent. The sugar campaign had been very good and left net profits amounting to £165,000. In April last the fall in the price of sugar was continued, but did not appear to fall to seriously interfere with the net profit already acquired. At most, the consequence of the fall in sugar might have decreased our profits during the last half-year. According to the information supplied to us by our management, we had hoped to secure at a reasonable price the purchase of the beetroot covered by the sales which we had made in anticipation. Not only so, but a large portion of the sugar for 1905 was laid in advance. The general condition of the stocks and the fall in prices did not lead us to expect any very considerable margin in prices. Such was the position as it was represented to you by the management, when suddenly, like a thunder-clap, the news of M. Crozier's suicide came."

"We have already pointed out that M. Henri Say and Co. had continued to work as before with us with M. Say as the manager. When M. Say died our general manager, M. Crozier, was appointed in his stead, and he was the chief partner of the firm to be the administrator and liquidator of Messrs. Henri Say and Co., took over the conduct of the business while still continuing to be our general manager. The credit of the firm of Henri Say and Co. was, therefore, completely and unaccountably wiped out by M. Crozier's suicide. It was well known that the firm possessed most valuable assets and there was no reason to believe that these had been mismanaged. Indeed, M. Crozier's own personality, his reputation for ability, his position as the credit of the firm, and I need only point to the fact that the leading Paris banks made no difficulty when the last few months in discounting close upon a million sterling of bills signed by M. Crozier as liquidator of Messrs. Henri Say and Co. This in itself will prove to you that the great Paris bankers were convinced of the integrity of Messrs. Henri Say and Co."

"It was on Sunday, the 27th of August, that we heard of the suicide of M. Crozier. At first your directors were under the impression that

he had committed his rash act in consequence of personal embarrassments, but we did not then suppose that there would ultimately turn out to be a veritable disaster. On the following Monday, after a most anxious investigation into the books, your Board was brought to the position. In fact, we discovered that the company was deeply compromised as a result of M. Crozier's business methods. He had made heavy purchases in France and still heavier purchases abroad in the name of the company, thus making no liable. He had also given the company's guarantee to back certain bills which he issued as liquidator of Messrs. Henri Say and Co. He had also got our bankers to advance to Messrs. Henri Say and Co. without our knowing anything about the matter a sum of no less than £280,000. I assert, gentlemen, that these facts were absolutely unknown to your Board."

"There were loud protests at these words, and cries of 'It is impossible that the Board could have remained ignorant of such important matters.'"

## THE RECONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

Amidst interruptions and counter-interruptions from the two hundred shareholders present, the Chairman went on to explain at great length the circumstances connected with M. Crozier's malversations, from which it appeared that he had improperly converted to other uses a sum of £1,010,000, being the sum of the company. The events which had taken place since the suicide of M. Crozier were then passed in review. Ultimately, the Board of Directors submitted the following resolutions to the meeting:—

(1) That the capital of the company, which is £1,255,800, be reduced to £1,137,200, which is 500 francs each, be reduced to 15,870 francs by writing down the nominal value of each share from 500 francs to 200 francs, and that each share be stamped with a stamp indicating this reduction. This resolution, however, was not carried, as the shareholders were in favour of the preference shares which it is proposed to issue shall have taken place, and only after the general meeting shall have taken cognisance of this subscription and of the consequence in capital.

(2) That the capital of the company be reconstructed and brought up to its original and present amount of 38,350,000 francs by the issue of 12,255,000 francs by means of an issue of 114,750 new shares of 200 francs each, which shall enjoy a right of preference as regards profits and also as regards assets in the event of liquidation. These preference shares are to be issued with a premium of 40 francs, of which 30 francs shall be carried to reserve and 10 francs shall be contributed towards the expenses and the grant of the new issue. These shares are to make for profit for the shareholders, but not for the company, and to have a prior right of subscription to these preference shares.

After a long discussion the majority of the shareholders voted for the proposals of the Board.

## AN ANDRE MEMORIAL.

Up to the present there has been no memorial to commemorate André and his unfortunate expedition. The Geographical Society of Stockholm, however, has decided to erect a memorial to the explorer, and has commissioned London, the Swedish engraver, to make a large memorial medal. The artist represents André's balloon rising from the ice. The explorer is looking anxiously towards the North. A group of young men are appearing, who are old men looking towards the horizon doubtfully. Below is the date July 11, 1897. On the obverse appears the profile of André, with his name and the names of his companions, Sternberg and Paasek.

THE CANAL FROM THE CASPIAN  
TO THE PERSIAN GULF.

Particulars of the German scheme for a canal to unite the Caspian Sea with the Persian Gulf are furnished by the "Paris Echo." It is intended, of course, to counterbalance the British plan prepared by Sir William Willcocks, whereby the Nile is to be navigable as far as Diarbekir, where it meets the railway line from Smyrna. The German plan, elaborated by Herr Wasehor, is to join Baghdad, the highest point of navigability of the Tigris, to Borsali on the Caspian Sea, by connecting the Djeddah, a tributary of the Tigris, with the Nile, a river flowing into the Caspian. To do this it will be necessary to construct a vast reservoir in the mountains dividing the two river basins, in order to provide water for the Nile. This is generally tried by the company, it is of course, upon the feasibility of this reservoir, which would have to attain the proportions of one of the great Swiss lakes, that the realisation of the scheme depends. If deemed likely of success, Borsali would be connected with the Russian railway system in Persia by a line running to Hamadan.

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK.

(Coptic and Mohammedan.)

October.

15 Rice harvest. Maximum of the rice crop is due to be cut.

Mon. 16 Drink fresh syrups, etc.

Tues. 17 End of great heat. Coupling of cattle, sheep, and goats.

Wed. 18 Sowing of millet, flax and bastard saffron.

Thurs. 19 Sowing of barley and berber. Drink Sirrak before eating.

Fri. 20 The Nile begins to subside. It is good to go to the bath.

Sat. 21 Abundance of mosquitoes. Ebony is out.

## A ROMANCE OF EMPIRE.

THE LESSON OF THE UGANDA  
RAILWAY.

At first sight it would appear that the days of romance in connection with the Uganda Railway are ended. Not so many years ago we were entertained by stories (officially guaranteed as true) of elephants clearing out the bush and of lions carrying away passengers from the carriages. "Bess" stung to death one unfortunate black, and endless shrieks knocked down the telegraph wires by their unconsciously long nocks. This last difficulty has been obviated by raising the trees to seven feet above ground.

The latest report, just issued as a White Paper, is of a totally different character. It is a mass of figures, with the elaborate table of mileage run, cost of working, average tonnage, and other matters which reveal all but the railway expert or anxious shareholder. Yet if the average Britisher could be induced to study the document—and the Uganda Railway is a national asset in which all taxpayers are shareholders—he would find in it the true romance; the wonder of a railway piercing the heart of Africa and built across deserts, forests, and mountains whose existence was scarcely dreamt of in the youth of men not yet old, proving at once an economic success.

## THE NEW LAND OF PROMISE.

As evidenced between the mass of figures presented are some very pertinent observations by those quiet men who serve Britain so well in the outposts of empire, it may not be superfluous to emphasise the points which an attentive study of the figures makes clear.

The year 1904-5 is the first year of full and uninterrupted traffic on the 584 miles of rail which link Mombasa to the Victoria Nyanza. When the year began it was estimated that there would be a deficit on the twelve months ending 31st December of £245,000 (the railway is not yet open for full traffic). The year 1904-5, however, has been a great loss to the slave trade, not financial gain, but the gross earnings, £141,000, greatly exceeded the amount anticipated, with the result that the expected deficit of £245,000 was turned into an actual profit of £24,000. This was due to two causes: the rash of settlers and the rapid development of the staple product of the country. Over a thousand white men came to the new land of promise, and it is gratifying to learn that all the sound traders and farmers speak in high praise of the possibilities of the country. Already some 2,000 tons of goods have been handled. The country produces—groundnuts, fibres, hides, ivory, beans, potatoes, etc.—comes largely from Uganda, that is, it is brought to the lake through the steamer. So far only the direct close to the lake ports are tapped, but the railway now opens up the trade of the German part of the Nyanza, and has also attracted goods from the Congo Free State. There is no possible doubt as to the sound dividend earning power of the railway, and its officials are keenly alive to the wisdom of satisfying the requirements of their customers in every legitimate way. Rates compare not unfavorably with those ruling in South Africa to meet the needs of settlers, and branch lines are contemplated.

## BRITISH STEAMSHIP LINE WANTED.

There is, however, a reverse side to the picture, forcibly portrayed by Mr. A. E. Cruickshank, the traffic manager. The railway is being built, and it is likely to prosper still more, but the *laissez faire* spirit of British statesmen is preventing England from reaping the full advantage of that circumstance. At present almost all the produce brought down by the railway, as well as the heavy goods brought to it, are carried to and from Mombasa in foreign bottoms. This important and extensive railway, the taxpayers have spent over £5,300,000 on it—built entirely by Great Britain, is feeding French and German (chiefly German) steamship lines. Surely it is time, as recommended by Mr. Evelyn Cecil's committee, that a subsidiary British line be started. This line, in the course of the occasions when to leave a ship half done is the worst of follies. A line of British steamers which would serve all the ports on the East-African trade would reap much of the Zanzibar and Mombasa trade now in the hands of foreign nations. Given favorable shipping facilities and rates, the development of British East Africa and Uganda would be much more rapid than it can otherwise be. The building of the Uganda railway has proved "a case of imperialism" if anything ever has; it is no evidence of sanity to withhold the subsidiary steamship service.

## GREGO-ROUMANIAN CONFLICT.

The following view of the right nationality to be given to the Katovalachia of Macedonia is of interest, as coming from one of themselves, and not from either Greek or Rumanian official sources. He says:—

"The truth is that the majority of the Katovalachia in Macedonia regard themselves as Greeks, and repel the suggestion of belonging to the Rumanian. Most of the Greek bands fighting against the Bulgarians in the south are made up of Katovalach. In the mountain villages on the borders speak besides Greek the Armanian dialect, especially the women. But if they need to write they must use the Greek characters. But we, who live in the towns, have forgotten the dialect."

"In Macedonia of 6,600 Katovalach-Greek families, only 31 have joined the Rumanian population, and so it is in other towns. The Rumanian character of the Rumanian population is best shown by the Committee. Most of the Rumanian population is of Greek blood. A Greek, now he is head of the Rumanian Frontiers, with 40 Turkish pounds a month. His lieutenant is M. S. Sirodno, an Albanian, who was educated at the expense of Bulgaria, and then turned his back on her, to take up the agitation in Macedonia for the pay of 212 a week from Rumania."

## WHERE CUPID SCORES.

A Board of Trade report shows that the women of the United Kingdom have nearly twice as many chances of being married as their counterparts in other European countries. In the ten years from 1898 to 1903 the marriage rate in the United Kingdom was from fourteen to sixteen per thousand, while in the rest of Europe the rate was between seven and eight per thousand. The birth and death rates are shown to be decreasing generally. In spite of the fewer births, the population of the United States has increased by 11,438,000 in eight years (mostly by immigration), and that of the United Kingdom in the same period by 3,160,000.

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IS COLLAPSE IMMINENT?

It is stated, with some degree of authority, says the "Daily News," that a state of affairs amounting almost to panic at present exists in the government of the Belgian Congo. So acute, it is said, has the position become that there is every possibility of the régime collapsing altogether, when, it is suggested, Belgium would assume possession of the Free State. The population of the State is rapidly increasing, consequent upon the conditions under which the "administration" is worked.

The Rev. John H. Harris, attached to the Ballo Mission, on the Upper Congo, is now in London from the scene of the horrible traffic in human flesh that marks the Free State. Mr. Harris, with a devoted band of co-workers, has for the past seven years been working in the centre of the Abir district, where, perhaps, the worst of the terrible atrocities have been perpetrated.

"There is no question about it," said Mr. Harris to a representative of "The Daily News" recently, "that the one solution to this fearful state of affairs is an international conference; until such is called nothing can be done. Diplomatic negotiations are absolutely out of the question. Take a case in point. Lord Lansdowne was specifically promised by the Commission that all witnesses would be thoroughly protected. As a matter of fact, various witnesses have been chased, captured, and transported to other districts, and that by the same means have been prevented."

"Again, in spite of Lord Lansdowne's protest, the mission centres are boycotted by the natives, at the instigation of the concessionaires. The natives have been threatened with the direct punishment if they dare bring us any more flesh meat or vegetables, as a result we have, at great expense, to import dried foods in large quantities, because we have no means of obtaining other."

"Would Belgium take over the Free State? No, I don't think so. In the first place, I don't think any desire to. When offered it in 1901, it refused, and asked that the matter should be postponed for two years. Then again, it must not be forgotten that Belgium would never consent to such a step. We had treaty rights on the Congo long before it became a Free State, and these would not be willingly handed over. Another thing is absolutely certain, England cannot and will not have the present régime carried on by the Government of another country."

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